Pitcairn Islands

The Pitcairn Islands, located in the South Pacific Ocean, is a British colony under the British High Commissioner in New Zealand. It includes the uninhabited islands of Ducie, Henderson and Oeno. The postal affairs are administered by New Zealand.

PITCAIRN ISLANDS

Watermarked Multiple Crown and Script C. A.

1940

1946

1949

1949

PITCAIRN ISLANDS

Watermarked Multiple Crown and Script C A

1951

1953

Watermarked St. Edward's Crown and C A Multiple

1961

1963

PITCAIRN ISLANDS

Watermarked Multiple Crown and Script C. A.

1957

1958

PITCAIRN ISLANDS

1964-65

PITCAIRN ISLANDS

Watermarked St. Edward's Crown and C A Multiple

1967

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Watermarked St. Edward's Crown and C A Multiple

1968

1969

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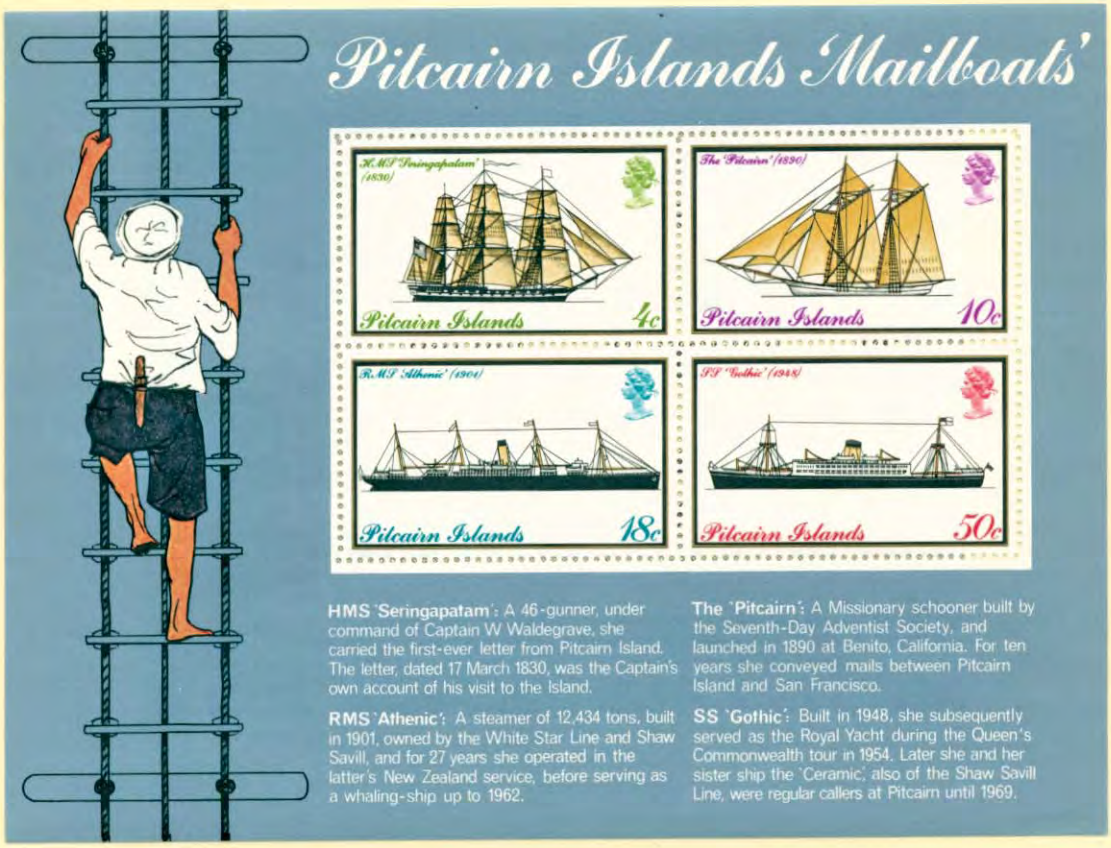

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Watermarked St. Edward's Crown and C A Multiple, in Spiral

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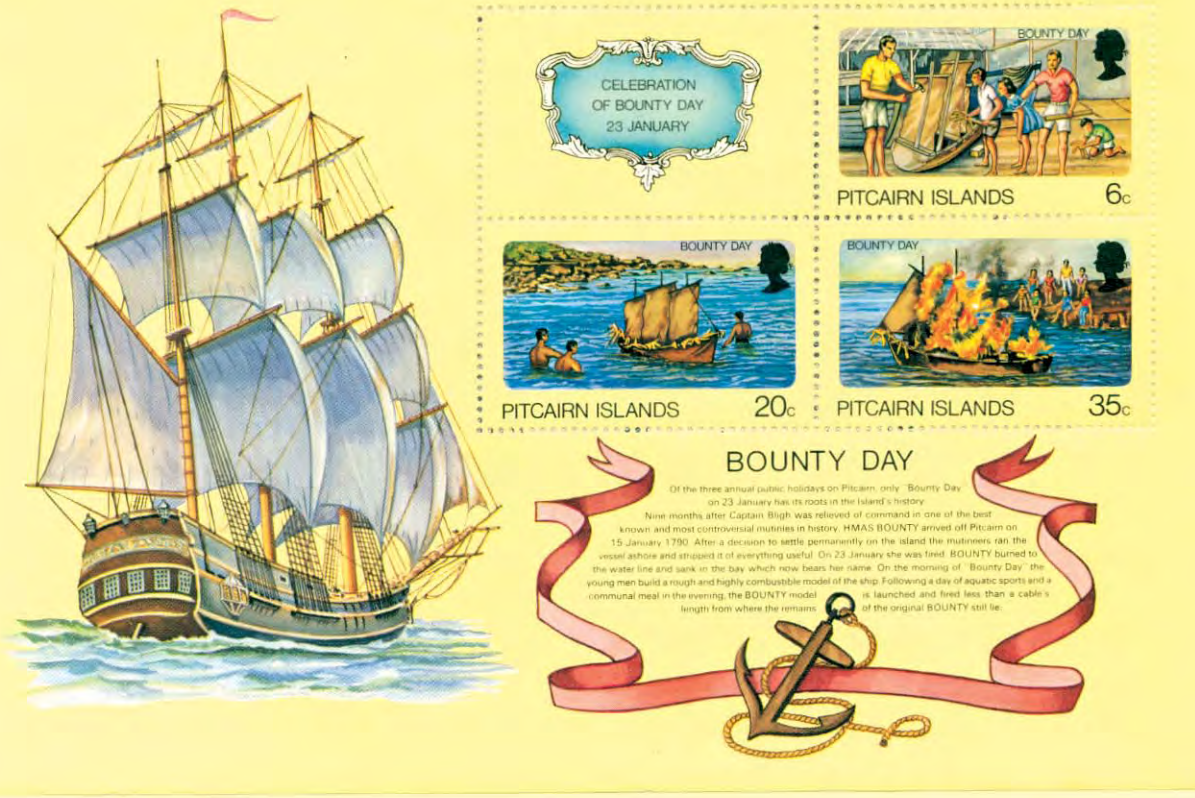

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1980-81

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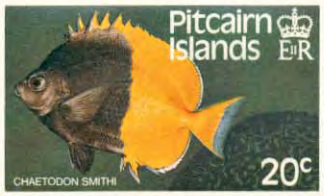

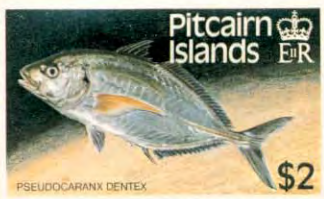

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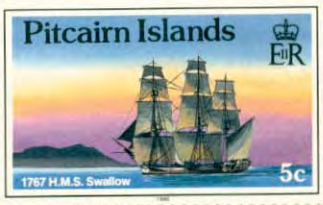

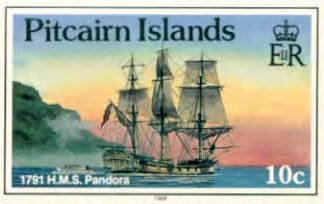

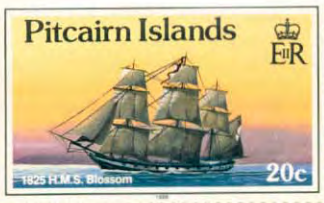

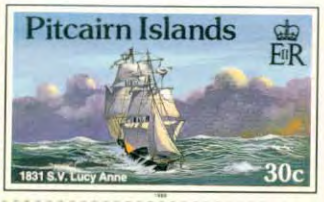

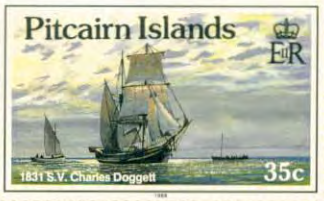

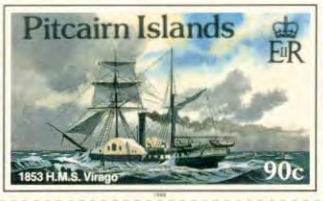

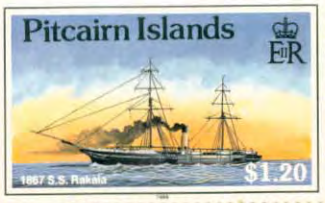

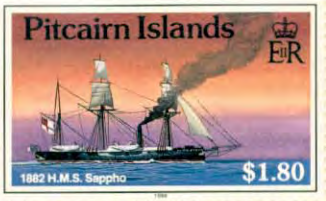

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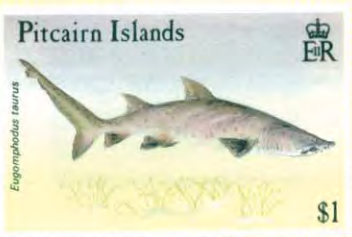

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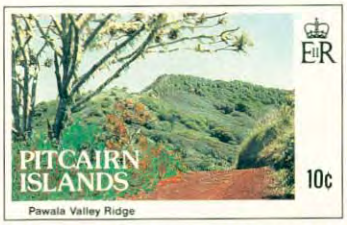

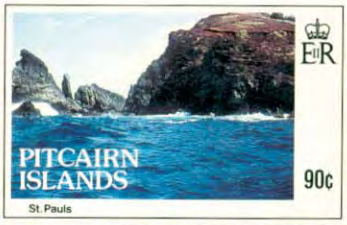

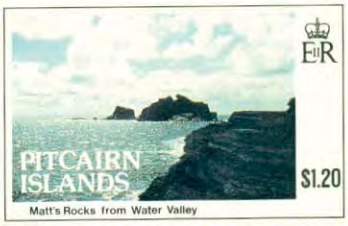

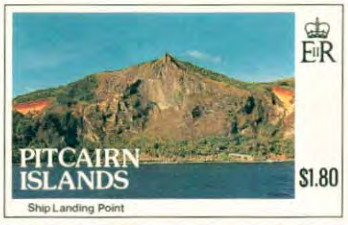

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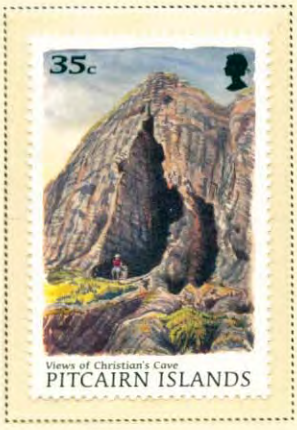

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1998-99

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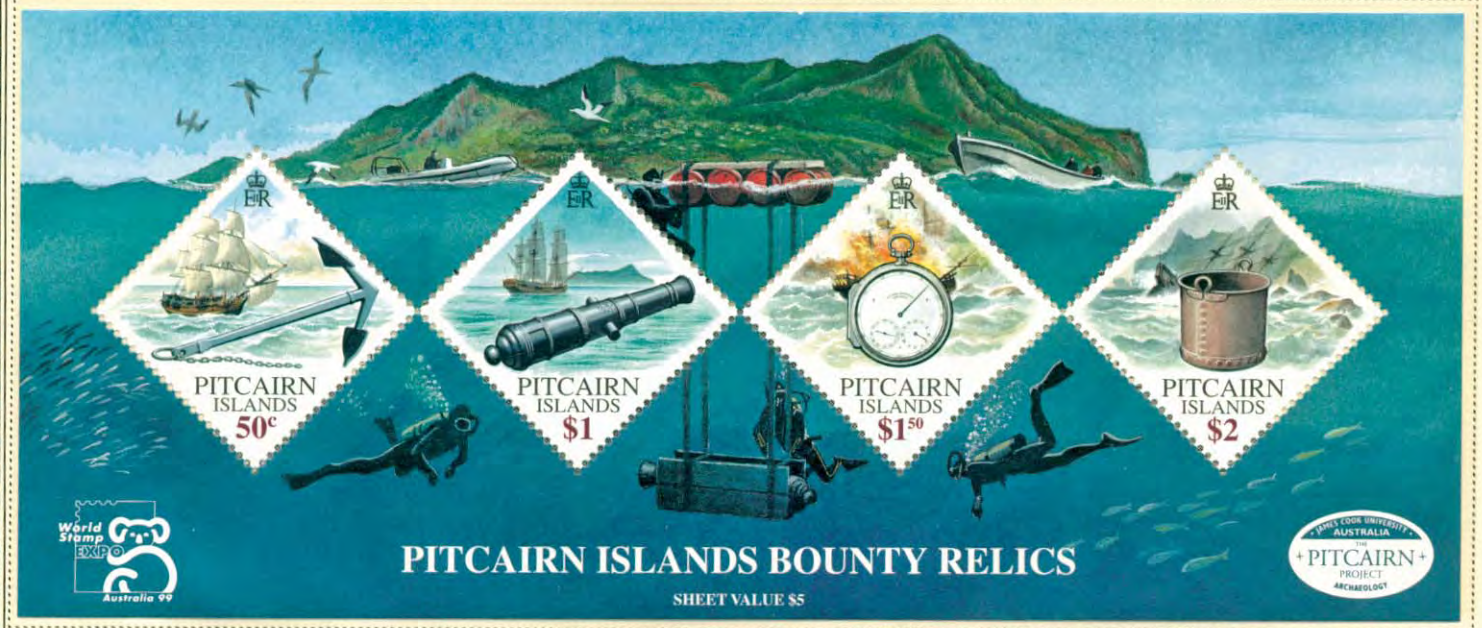

Pitcairn Islands Space Issue

This stamp issue commemorates the joint venture between the Governments of Great Britain and the United States of America in the mid 1960's. This top secret mission was to investigate the feasibility of building an airstrip on Henderson Island, part of the Pitcairn group in the South East Pacific.

Henderson was identified as a potential base to facilitate 'Polar Orbit' satellite recovery from the California launch site of Vandenberg Air Force Base.

This mission was conducted in 1966, and consisted of the uninhabited Henderson Island being surveyed by personnel of the United States Air Force with assistance from the satellite recovery vessel USNS Sunnyvale. The plan was submitted recommending the airstrip proceed but failed to gain support at higher levels and the project was abandoned.

In 1988 Henderson Island was declared a World Heritage Site. Today it is visited by just a few small cruise vessels and yachts and the Pitcairners still visit occasionally to collect Miro wood to carve as souvenirs for tourists.

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